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# Top Polish Intelligence Agent Asks For Asylum In The U.S.

From Sun-Times Wire Services  
 WASHINGTON—Col. Pawel Monat, one of Communist Poland's top intelligence officials, has asked for asylum in the United States.

The State Department reported Monday that Monat has arrived in this country with his family.

Their application for permission to stay is "being processed in the usual manner," a State Department spokesman said.

Press officer Lincoln White, at a news conference, refused

to shed any additional light on the case except to say Monat defected "some months" ago.

## Reported Intelligence Boss

Monat is reported to have been the intelligence boss of Polish military attaches in diplomatic missions around the world. As such, he could be expected to know much about the Poles' military intelligence work, including possible links with the Soviet Union.

Monat is believed to be in protective custody of U.S. au-

thorities. The Central Intelligence Agency, queried earlier about the case, refused to confirm or deny that Monat had fled Poland.

White told newsmen he did not know whether the Polish government has protested, as countries usually do in such cases.

## Hint Permission To Remain

Responsible authorities said it was likely that Monat and his family would be given the necessary permission to remain in

such cases, defectors are usually questioned very closely in an effort to make sure they are not "double agents."

Monat, who returned to Poland in May, 1958, from Washington, is said to be in his late 30s and trained in political as well as military intelligence work.

He is the second military attache from an Iron Curtain country whose defection in recent months has come to the surface. It is assumed that others have defected but that authorities have been able to keep the facts secret.

The other defector is Lt. Col. Frantisek Tisler of Czechoslovakia, who turned himself over to State Department officials last summer in Washington. The whereabouts of Tisler and his family also is unknown, but he is said to be in this country.